Quality of our Criminal Justice System in Canada

Does our legal system do a good job in controlling and preventing crime

Law Reform Commission lists 7 principles that should exist if criminal law is to be successful:

1) Fairness: Procedures and the people involved in them and should be treated equally

2) Efficiency: Procedures should be efficient so as to avoid undue costs and errors

Ex. Not Sending people back to their home countries where they will face the death penalty.

3) Clarity: Procedures must be clear. This leads to predictability and regularity.

Ex. Trudeau: Clear procedures

4) Restraint: Procedures should not interfere with an individual's rights and reedoms so long as the freedoms of others are protected

5) Accountability: people involved must be held responsible for conducting fair procedures

6) Participation: The public should have some measure of control over processes and they should be open to the public

Ex. Omnibus bill regarding rights of individuals.

7) Protection: Criminal law should serve to protect society